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141st sets up camp for ARNG

Military called to fight worst fires in 50 years

By Airman Crystal Tyler

During the west's worst year for forest fires in 50 years, Gov. Gary Locke proclaimed a state of emergency in Washington and ordered into active service the necessary Washington National Guard members to assist the Department of Natural Resources personnel, firefighters and support staff to battle the severe fires.

It took less than 24 hours for 34 on-site volunteers from the 141st ARW to set up a base camp for over 500 Army National Guard firefighters in support of Operation Mule Dry Creek.

Known as Task Force Blue, the camp operated in the Grandview National Guard Armory from Aug. 25-29.

The camp was run like any wartime contingency, according to Maj. Robert Aunan, Task Force Blue camp commander. Twenty-three tents were set up to accommodate beds, showers, water, lighting and other basic utilities for the ARNG firefighters. The Airway Heights Correctional Facility supplied meals.



Photo provided by Washington Army/Air NG Public Affairs Office

This campsite at the Grandview National Guard Armory became a temporary home for the ARNG firefighters

The Mule Dry Creek fire destroyed over 100,000 acres southwest of Grandview, Wash.

The site team was sent out Aug. 25 and the camp was set up before the ARNG arrived Aug. 26. Another 30 volunteers were used at the wing level to coordinate.

"The mission was a complete success," said Aunan, "Two things that impressed me the most were the motivated volunteers and how the ARNG and the ANG integrated. The Army was impressed by how

well the place was set up.

The camp allowed them to focus on fighting the fire."

According to Lt. Col. Jerry Baltzell, 141 Support Group Commander and eastside coordinator for Task Force Blue, the team was well prepared for a seven to 14-day mission.

The mission was shortened once the fire was under control.

The trucks, provided by the vehicle maintenance section of the 141 Logistics Group, will remain loaded until the fire danger is over in October,

according to Baltzell.

"We're prepared to go anytime," said Aunan. "You hate to be needed in a situation like this because that means something devastating has happened, but this is the type of state contingency that reminds us why we're in the Guard."

The base camp set-up was a great learning and planning experience, according to Aunan. It allowed them to plan on how to handle more complex situations that may be encountered in the future."

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A vote's too valuable to forsake to this American

Special to the Armed Forces Press Service

FORT BLISS, Texas, Sept. 28, 2000 — More than 40 percent of Army personnel didn't take the time to vote during the 1996 presidential election. During this year's election, at least one soldier will be in line waiting for the doors to open. Spc. Giraldo Gonzalez of William Beaumont Army Medical Center lists one of his immediate goals as voting in the 2000 election. He's encouraging everyone in his section to do the same.

"It's a privilege, one that is too valuable to forsake," according to the Cuban-born naturalized U.S. citizen. "My co-workers, more than half didn't care. I'm trying to push them to vote. For me, it's even more exciting, because this is the first time in my life I can have a choice."

Gonzalez fled Cuba in a 10-foot boat with five friends. They built a small motor by jury-rigging a propeller onto an engine used for fumigation. They left behind everything for a chance to win their freedom of choice in America.

They became lost between the Bahamas and Florida, but were sighted by a fishing boat and picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard. Their ordeal lasted four days.

"It was dangerous and risky," he said, "but worth it to live in the United States."

Gonzalez was a medical doctor in Havana, Cuba, before fleeing to the states. He's now an operating room technician at Beaumont. He gave up his life there to, in his words "become a person."

"It was hard to live there," he explained. "It was hard to do anything without being scrutinized. I was tired of living the life where you have two faces."

"This is *me*," he said. "This is who I am."

Gonzalez recalled friends and family members who were fired or denied job opportunities because they expressed views not shared by the political party.

"It was hard leaving my mother and all my family," he admitted, "but she was afraid for me and wanted what was best for me."

Gonzalez had no contact with his family in Cuba for almost four years after arriving in the United States, but he doesn't regret his decision. He recently re-established contact by phone, but he doesn't see himself going home to visit any time soon.

"One of my relatives (in Panama) was a U.S. soldier," Gonzalez explained. "I used to say 'the last thing in my life I'm gonna do is be a soldier,' but that was in Cuba."

Gonzalez was impressed with what he saw on the U.S. military base. He saw the Army as a melting pot of American society, and remembered the soldiers he met as being professional, treated well and having lives of their own. He was so impressed that he enlisted shortly after returning from vacation.

His next step was to become a citizen.

"No one influenced me (to become a citizen)," he said. "It was my love of this country and my desire to serve in an unrestricted capacity."

He began a 10-month process of paperwork and took the oath of citizenship just a few months ago. His study guide contained more than 200 questions on the history and government of our nation, but the most difficult part, he said, was the red tape.

"The Army didn't really help in any way," he said. "I did it all on my own through the immigration office." The only assistance was his co-workers helped him understand the government and U.S. politics.

"Becoming a citizen was my way of saying 'thank you' for the opportunity to become what I have dreamed," he said.

Gonzalez faces a couple more examinations before attaining all his goals. One he intends to take in the not-too-distant future is the U.S. Medical License Examination.

"I'm not prepared to take it yet, but I will be," he said. "It tastes better — the triumph — when you attain your goals on your own," he explained.

"I don't have a lot, but everything I have came through my sweat. After four years in America, I feel better and trust myself more. I've discovered more potential that I never knew I had before."

He has three pieces of advice to share. He encourages those newly arriving in the United States to "learn the language and the culture because it's a whole new life. I haven't forgotten I'm Cuban — my culture, religion, and folklore — but you have to adapt to the new culture."

The biggest differences between America and anywhere else, according to Gonzalez, are you can be a person here and you can be whatever you want. "You don't have to be rich to reach your dreams, you just have to work hard," he said.

His final piece of advice: Vote.

"People complain, but they don't play their role," he said.



The mission of the *Jet Gazette* is to effectively communicate events and information of the 141st Air Refueling Wing to unit members, their families and retirees and to recognize personal and unit achievements within the wing.



Left: MSgt. Dane Porter and date

Right: Fine dining and good company



*Below: Toasting to the Colors,
to the President, to the
Secretary of Defense, etc.*

A good time was experienced by all who attended this year's dining out, held September 9 at the Spokane Country Club. A group of 150 attended the formal event where all military members wore their mess dress or equivalent attire.

Since the mid-1980's the wing has held a dining out either every year or every other year. Dining outs provide an occasion for military members and their spouses or dates to meet socially at a formal military function that serves to build and maintain a high sense of moral and esprit de corps.

The president of the mess was MSgt. Hark Hodge and madam vice was TSgt. Lori Costello.

The guest speaker was Colonel Oscar Hilman, United States Property and Fiscal Officer, Washington Army National Guard.

Entertainment was the comedy act Uncle D's Comedy Underground, Inc.



Dining Out



*On left: Command Chief
Master Sergeant Gary
Kaesemeyer, his wife Alicia
and TSgts. Renee and Paul
Alsept.*

*Right : Was someone
sent to the Grog Bowl?*



Photos by Maj. Kay Steward

Fairchild AFB's "major" sisters

by SSgt. Wes Walton

Although some people are surprised to find out that Maj. Kevin Stevens, Director of the Health and Wellness Center for the 92nd ARW and Maj. Candace Smallfoot, Chief of Supply for the 141st ARW, are sisters in blue, it's no surprise to the people who know them that they are two of the closest sisters in the Air Force and Air National Guard. Close, both in loving terms and in real estate terms, because they literally live right next door to each other.

The majors grew up military. Dad, Rich Atkinson, is a retired Army Green Beret lieutenant colonel. Along with his wife, Dee, they raised four children — Christi, Kevin, Candace and Tracy. By looking at the names you could tell Mr. Atkinson was hoping for a boy to come along, but instead he was blessed with four daughters. He was hoping for a boy so much so, family rumor has it that Stevens was named by dad while mom was sleeping after delivery. The majors are the middle children. Their sister Christi is the oldest and youngest sister Tracy brings up the rear.

Maj. Stevens and Maj. Smallfoot have other amazing similarities besides both being stationed at Fairchild AFB. They share the same rank and live next door to each other. They also went to Montana State University and the same high school and fought over the same boyfriends.

Not all of the sisters decided on a military career. In fact, Christi operates a small production company and Tracy, who is a legal assistant, speaks out on occasion about the middle sisters' choice of military life. Smallfoot, who had always wanted to be in the Air Force from an early age, was the first one of the daughters to join. After being in the Civil Air Patrol and earning her private pilot license she tried getting her commission as a pilot. It was very competitive back then since women weren't allowed to fly in combat status and she was not selected. Instead, she received a non-rated commission and spent ten years active duty. She then decided to join the Washington Air National Guard where she is now the Chief of Supply.

Stevens, who was commissioned through the ROTC cadet program, joined the Air

Force after graduating from nursing school and saw the Air Force as a great way to provide for a family. With her background in nursing, she is a natural to head up the Health and Wellness Center.

Being less than two years apart, the sisters share a natural bond with one another. Over the years they have supported each other in many ways. They've even changed roles with each other over the years. Both agree that in college, Stevens enjoyed a "free-spirited" lifestyle while Smallfoot had that "voice of reason" stabilizing ability. Today, things have changed, as Smallfoot might stay up to watch a late movie on a workday or go out on the town on the weekend. Stevens prefers to be the home body, enjoying an evening with her family, studying on her own, and raising her son Taylor to carry on the military tradition in her family. "I'm grooming my son for the Air Force Academy."

The sisters also show signs of similarities in their families. Both are married to military or prior military men and each has two children. Stevens is married to Ray Stevens, a prior Navy seaman, with her two sons Ryan, 20, and Taylor, nine.

Smallfoot, recently married Lt. Col. Landry Smallfoot, who is a navigator with the 141st and Chief of Safety. She also has two children, Brittany, 13, and Austin, eight.

The bonds of friendship also runs through the family members as well as the sisters. "Our kids are cousins and best buddies. If Tayler gets a new scooter, then guess what Austin has to get? If Austin gets something then Taylor wants it," says Smallfoot.

"Our husbands get along fabulously! They speak 'Harleys' and 'SeaRay's.' We all hang out together, especially during the summer when it's nice out. I have a larger deck than she does so that is the meeting place," said Stevens.

Of course, being sisters is not just about being close and caring all the time as most siblings can attest, but it's also about rivalries. "We do have a little bit of rivalry going on because the Guard promotion system is a whole lot different than the Air Force's — there's a bone of contention there," says Stevens.

On the other hand, her sister doesn't see it



Photo by TSgt Bob Harris

Major Candace Smallfoot of the 141st Logistics Squadron, Washington Air National Guard, and her sister Major Kevin Stevens, 92nd Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, have a lot of common ground.

that way, "No, because we're on two different career paths, two different directions, it's so different. There's no rivalry as far as I see it."

Besides the race to see who actually makes lieutenant colonel first, the sisters are also competitive in a different arena. "We both share the same basic philosophies about life. Being healthy is paramount, and with her being the Director of the Health and Wellness Center, she even takes it a step further than I do. We are both physical fitness fanatics," says Smallfoot.

"We always have a physical fitness rivalry going on, in a way," said Stevens. "I can't get her to run races with me, I'm a runner and she's a bicyclist. However, there is this 'I'm more fit than you are' kind of thing going back and forth."

"Even though we're close, we both have our professional ways and our family ways. I'm glad we have this chance to be together because probably in a couple of years she'll move on . . . it is nice having family around," says Smallfoot.

As officers serving in the Air Force and Washington Air National Guard, they represent how professionalism and hard work combined build an inspiring person of excellence. As sisters who both call Fairchild AFB their home, they show us how the supportive love of family can propel you to the lofty heights of success.

Maintenance: the people who keep those planes flying

By SSgt. Wes Walton

Most farm equipment I've been around that's 35-40 years old is usually just barely held together with spit and bailing wire or rusting away in some "bone yard." But, then again, these nostalgic machines didn't have a handful of ultra professional and dedicated individuals like the maintenance crews of the Washington Air National Guard.



Photo by SSgt. Dave Andersen

TSgt. Steven Olander is conducting a periodic maintenance inspection on a KC-135E.

These people and the people who came before them have been keeping the aging KC-135 flying the skies since they first were received by the unit in 1976. They have been used in the Air Force since 1956 when the first ones rolled off the assembly line. Having the opportunity to view the plane during a periodic inspection and seeing the aircraft up close, I would have sworn the plane was being assembled for the first time right here. That's what these people

do for a living, they take something old and making it look brand new.

"Maintenance is done on a plane every 300-330 flying hours, taken apart much like the plane is now," said SMSgt. Tom Jablonsky.

A new maintenance inspection schedule is established for inspections to come every 300 days, rather than hours, but maintenance likes to go above and beyond the technical requirement and look at the planes closer to the 300 flying-hour mark.

Unlike your local mom and pop garage where the guy fires up your engine and can tell what the problem is just by listening to your engine, nothing in the inspection section is taken for granted. Using a combination of checklists, technical orders and the latest in maintenance equipment technology, the shop works hard to keep a plane that's older than most of the people in the wing in safe and reliable working order. One of the tools used is a borescope. It's something like an orthoscope and it's used to get around in tight places to look behind or into something that would otherwise have to be torn open to get to it.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time it's just your regular preventive maintenance, like changing a burned out bulb or that sort of thing," said TSgt. Dave Huck. "But we are always aware that the biggest problem we have to deal with is corrosion."

"Sometimes we have a problem getting parts, but it's really a fun plane to work on," says Jablonsky. "It isn't surprising that replacing parts sometimes takes awhile, just imagine trying to find a carburetor for a 1957



Photo by SSgt. Dave Andersen

SSgt. Tom Neese, from phase dock, on the leading edge of the wing.

Ford Ranchero."

When asked if they were excited to see the new R-series conversion, Jablonsky and Huck said they are, however, they are not sure about the younger guys. They think they might start feeling like the Maytag repairmen.

You can't really get a real appreciation for this aircraft by seeing the plane fly or looking at it in pictures. Up close, it's almost as tall from the tires to the top of the tail as a three-story building. From nose to boom it's the size of half a football field and the boom at the rear of the aircraft looks like the size of a cannon.

This immense aircraft, a key factor in America's combat arsenal, is able to carry 200,000 pounds of jet fuel and flies as high as 15,240 meters (50,000 feet). The truly extraordinary thing is that it is not due for retirement until 2040.

How will we keep flying an aircraft that will approach 80 years old by the time of its retirement? The answer is simple, we'll keep flying them because of the indomitable efforts of the Washington Air National Guard maintenance crews.

News Briefs

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This year's Combined Federal Campaign is now in progress for federal agencies. The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. It continues to be the largest and most successful workplace fundraising model in the world.

Technicians can opt for a payroll deduction or a one-time donation by check. Since full-time employment is needed for payroll deductions, traditional Guard members who would like to contribute will need to pay by a one-time check donation. To obtain the listing of agencies to make your donation selection, contact one of the CMSgt's in the unit, Lt. Col. John Guilbealt or Maj. Kay Steward.

That's us!! The 141st ARW has a brand new public web page that was launched early in October. This is our second generation. Our first one was launched four years ago and the time came for a facelift.

Please check out the site. It has lots of content. You can read brief stories on recent events of the 141st, news releases and what our unit is doing for community support. There's a photo gallery of recent deployments and other topics. A demo USAF video is on the site that will eventually be replaced with one produced by our audiovisual section.

All senior commanders' bios are on the organization page, with room to develop pages at the flight and squadron level.

Pass the site address on to potential recruits and tell them to click on "Career

Opportunities" and they'll find lots of information on joining the unit.

For families, read the Family Readiness Information. And have your children check out Air Force Link, Jr. There's games, info and lots of other activities especially for kids.

If you're looking for entertainment, click on the 560th Band button. On their page you can listen to all of the selections on their last CD by clicking on the CD cover located in the upper right corner of their home page. From the base, these selections come up real quick since we are on the same network. From home, they will take a little time.

If you would like to write an article or add a page to the 141st public web page, call the public affairs office at 247-7041.

What has NGAUS done for you lately?

By Maj. Steward

I had the privilege of attending the 122nd National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey, for three days in September. Three thousand Army and Air National Guard attendees swarmed the Atlantic City Convention Center while hundreds of exhibitors competed for everyone's attention and passed out promotional items. The information available was overwhelming.

Two of the guest speakers were presidential candidates Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore. Their speeches were delivered live via satellite. Highlights of their speeches are available in news releases posted on the NGAUS web site at <http://www.ngaus.org>.

In the evenings there were countless receptions including a governor's reception for the hosting governor of New Jersey, Christine Todd Whitman, and a states dinner where all 3,000 attendees appeared in mess dress uniform.

If you are new to the Guard and are wondering just what NGAUS is all about, I will provide you a little background. NGAUS has been around awhile. It began in 1878 for the purpose of providing representation to Congress. Since its beginning, its goal has been to obtain better equipment, standardized training and a more

combat-ready force by petitioning Congress for resources.

Through its 50,000 members, NGAUS has obtained more than \$1 billion annually in funding above the Pentagon's budget request for Army and Air National Guard equipment, training and benefits. Recent accomplishments include 4.8 percent pay raise, family eligibility to participate in the military dental plan, improved Montgomery GI Bill Benefits, \$90 million for full-time manning, \$500 million for military construction, \$540 million for operations, training, maintenance and readiness and \$700 million for modernized equipment. Increasing commissary use from 12 to 24 days per year, extending the VA Home Loan program another year and extending burial rights in national cemeteries are other benefits that were achieved by NGAUS.

Future issues that are a concern of the NGAUS are pay and allowances, educational benefits, unit full-time manning levels, military construction, force structure, equipment and modernization, funding for critical training and missioning of units. Also, a resolution was just presented at this year's conference where the NGAUS is recommending that Congress and the Secretary of Defense explore options for an equitable health care program for members of the Reserve and Guard and their families.

Membership in NGAUS is open to all military officers.

Enlisted members may join the Enlisted Association of the National Guard (EANGUS). EANGUS exists to promote the status, welfare and professionalism of the enlisted members of the National Guard and promote adequate national security. EANGUS has been successful in affecting legislation benefiting National Guard members and their families. For more information on EANGUS visit their web site at <http://www.eangus.org>.

Some states have 100 percent membership in the association. Though a national organization, each state has its own state association. In our state it's the National Guard Association of Washington (NGAW). Washington state is working to increase its membership. The more members, the stronger the association can become. All new Guard officers who have not previously been a member of the NGAUS may receive a complimentary one-year membership to the association.

The National Guard Association of Washington (NGAW) office is located on Camp Murray. The NGAW also sponsors the Minuteman Emergency Assistant Fund and also operates the RV park and beach facility on American Lake at Camp Murray. For information on how to join the National Guard Association of Washington (NGAW) call Bonny, office manager, at 1-800-588-6420 or 206-584-5411 or visit their web site at <http://www.ngaw.org>.

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New Jet Gazette Staff Member



The newest staff writer for the *Jet Gazette* is Airman Crystal Tyler. She joined the 141st ARW a little over a year ago and recently completed the basic journalism course at the Department of Defense Information School on Fort Meade, Maryland.

"Working on the *Jet Gazette* is "probably the most interesting thing I've done," said Tyler. "I've always wanted to work on a paper."

Airman Tyler commutes to Fairchild on UTA's aboard the tanker shuttle and lives in Lakewood, Washington. She is a student at Tacoma Community College who has a long-term goal of pursuing a degree in communications. She also works in a retail camera store.

For story ideas, give Airman Tyler a call in the 141st Public Affairs Office at 247-7041/7042.

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Photo by TSgt. Bob Harris

Airman Crystal Tyler

Retirements

September

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October

Lt Col Jerry Baltzell 141 SG
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"Old Sarge Sez"

retired MSgt. Pete Thomas passes away

Retired MSgt. Pete Thomas, one of the founders of this newspaper, passed away in August. He is best known for his column "Old Sarge Sez." His column began with the first issue in June 1962 and ran until the early 1970s. A photo appeared of him toking on a cigar at the top of his column. Here's some of his work from the *Jet Gazette* archives:

Oct 1962: "McArthur was right. They never die . . . just fade away. Since 1940 when the 116th was a pre-World War II Squadron, just nine men still remain. The names are the same, only the hair is different: SMSgt. Dean Ormsby, SMSgt. Lloyd Brunton, MSgt. Delmar Partch, SMSgt. John Morse, MSgt. Andy Ward, MSgt. Donald Ritchie, Capt. Milton 'Bud' Poirier, Maj. Charles Pray and WO Maynerd Haskins."

August 1963: "The Old Sarge bicycled the base this UTA and noticed quite a few changes. The Flight Operations looks like the Hollywood Hilton. The parachute building is being brought up to standards . . . clothing supply has new bank-teller windows for clothing issue . . . the communications offices in the flight simulator building is undergoing remodeling . . . and some new blue jobbies in the motor pool. Which makes me wonder why the bikes are painted red, not Air Force Blue?"

Sep 1971: " The Army, Navy and Air Force has done much to eliminate "mickey mouse" irritants of military life, mainly because with an all-volunteer armed forces in the offing, things have to change to attract top quality personnel. Which is all well and good. But, how permissive is enough permissiveness? We'll be in a recruiting environment ourselves before too long. How permissive will we have to be to attract good people to the Air Guard program?"



A look back

This photo, taken in the mid-1970's, shows TSgt. John Welton on left and MSgt. Dick Sawyer, right, refueling a 116th Fighter Interceptor Squadron F-101B Voodoo on the flight line at Geiger Field in Spokane. The 116th flew the supersonic Voodoo from 1969-1976. The squadron has flown the KC-135 since 1976 and the switch to the tankers necessitated the unit's move to Fairchild Air Force Base.

This history spotlight was brought to you by MSgt. Mary Weeks and SRA Andrew Biscoe, wing historians. Archive photo.

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